The Question of Pearl Harbor

1. Charles A. Beard (1948) – believed that the US had forced the Japan into a position where they were forced to attack; the same view as Thomas Fleming.
2. Basil Rauch (1950) – argued that the US knew an attack was coming but not where, that they forced Japan to make the first move.
3. Richard N. Current (1954) – He had a similar view to Basil, but thought that Japan was going to make a strike on British/Dutch territory.
4. Roberta Wohlstetter (1962) – She believed that the US knew the attack to Pearl Harbor was coming but failed to protect it due to a misinterpretation.
5. Edwin T. Layton (1941/1985) – similar view to Roberta plus it was a result of careful planning by Japan and the “dramatic breakdown in [America’s] intelligence process”.
6. Gordon W. Prange (1981) – He believed that the Roosevelt administration was guilty of blunders at interpreting Japanese strategy and that they could have predicted the attack.
7. John Toland (1982) – believed that Roosevelt knew of the attack because reports of seamen seeing them coming, but let it happened.

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